

**MESSAGE**

FROM THE

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,**

TRANSMITTING A REPORT OF THE

*Progress made in the execution of the Act*

TO

**Abolish the Indian Trading Establishments, &c.**

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JANUARY 21, 1825.

Read: ordered that it lie upon the table.

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*To the House of Representatives:*

In compliance with a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 19th December, 1822, requesting the President to communicate "what progress has been made in the execution of the act of last session, entitled 'An act to abolish the Indian trading Establishment,' with a report from the factories, respectively, as the same may be made to him," I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of the Treasury, with documents, which contain the information requested.

JAMES MONROE.

*Washington, January 20, 1825.*





## TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

*January 10, 1825.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit, herewith, a report from the late Agent for settling the concerns of the United States Trading Establishment with the Indians; which report, with those heretofore transmitted, contains the information requested by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 19th of December, 1822, referred by you to this department.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

The PRESIDENT of the *United States*.

Lyman Oliver

Residence, October 25th, 1882

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late John Oliver, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
Lyman Oliver

The fact that the buildings on the Adams and Erie streets, and at the corner of Adams and Erie streets, have been sold, and the proceeds thereof have been deposited in the hands of the Receiver of the Public Debt, for the purpose of paying the claims of the creditors of the late John Oliver, deceased, is a matter of public knowledge, and it is not necessary for me to repeat it here. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours truly,  
Lyman Oliver

Very truly,  
Lyman Oliver

## INDIAN OFFICE,

*Washington, October 25th, 1824.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following statements, which, with those submitted on the 1st December last, embrace all the information called for by a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 19th December, 1822, in the following words:

"Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to this House what progress has been made in the execution of the act of last session, entitled 'An act to abolish the Indian Trading Establishment,' with a report from the factories, respectively, as the same may be made to him." The general statement, with the abstracts referred to therein, marked from A to N, inclusive, exhibit the amount and description of the property received by the agents appointed to wind up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading Establishment, from the Superintendent of Indian Trade and the factors, respectively. The papers numbered from No. 1 to No. 11, exhibit the amount of property received by the several agents, and their respective returns, as to the disposition of it. From these statements, it will be seen that the merchandise, of every description, which was turned over to the agents by the superintendent and factors, has been sold; that the agents have accounted for the property thus turned over, and adjusted their accounts; and that the nett proceeds, so far as they have come into the hands of the principal agent, have been paid into the Treasury. The consolidated statement, numbered 12, exhibits the total amount of property received by the new agents from the superintendent and factors; the total amount of salaries, commissions, and other expenses incurred in winding up the concern; the amount of debts not collected; the amount of buildings unsold; the amount of loss on the sales of merchandise, &c.; and the ascertained loss in winding up the concern to the 1st October, 1824.

The factory buildings on the Arkansas and Red Rivers, and that at Chicago, have been sold. The others have been put into the possession of officers commanding posts near where they are situated, to be disposed of under instructions from the Department of War. The Indian agents residing at or near the late factories have been furnished with lists of the Indian and other debts due to them, respectively, and have been instructed, from the Department of War, to use their best endeavors to collect them. Many of the notes taken for sales of property, made by the new agents, are laying over under protests. They have all been placed in the hands of the United States' District Attorneys for collection, who have found it necessary to put some of them in suit. There is good reason, however, to believe that there will, eventually, be little or no loss in the collection of these notes which are designated in the consolidated statement as bills receivable.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. GRAHAM, *late Agent.*

To the Hon. WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD,

*Secretary of the Treasury.*

*STATEMENT exhibiting the Amount of Property of various kinds, received by the several Agents appointed to wind up the concerns of the United States Indian Trade Establishment, as more particularly shown by the Abstracts referred to.*

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NAMES OF AGENTS.			FACTORIES,				AMOUNTS.
George Graham, Principal Agent,	-	-	Georgetown,	per abstract,	-	A	\$47,343 01
Ditto.	Ditto	-	Ditto	Ditto	-	B	14,769 50
Daniel Gantt,	Ditto	-	Prairie du Chien,	Ditto	-	C	38,801 33
Samuel Blunt,	Ditto	-	Fort Osage,	Ditto	-	D	31,640 07
William Gibson,	Ditto	-	Fort Armstrong,	Ditto	-	E	9,312 90
Thomas G. Ringgold,	Ditto	-	Green Bay,	Ditto	-	F	11,742 81
Abraham B. Lindsley,	Ditto	-	Chicago,	Ditto	-	G	15,637 62
George P. Forrest,	Ditto	-	Arkansas,	Ditto	-	H	18,501 18
Robert N. Johnson,	Ditto	-	Red River,	Ditto	-	I	11,763 29
Henry Randall,	Ditto	-	Choctaw Nation,	Ditto	-	K	49,262 59
Balances due the establishment, not included in any of the foregoing abstracts, per abstract herewith,						L	37,246 65
Balances due on account of salaries to the late Factors, paid out of the factories prior to the transfers of the new Agents, and not included in any of their receipts, per abstract,						M	3,489 56
							\$289,780 51
Deduct this sum, for debts due from the late Indian Trade Establishment, at the time of transfer,						N	18,195 38
							\$271,585 13

## A.

*ABSTRACT of Property of various kinds received by George Graham, Principal Agent for winding up the concerns of the late Indian Trade Department, from Thomas L. M'Kenney, late Superintendent of Indian Trade, on the 14th June, 1822.*

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Merchandise,	-	-	-	-	\$31,473 97
Cash,	-	-	-	-	6,856 35
Debts,	-	-	-	-	9,021 69
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					\$47,343 01

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*ABSTRACT of Moneys received by George Graham, Principal Agent, on account of sales of property which is not included in the receipt of the Principal Agent to the late Superintendent of Indian Trade, or in the receipts of the new Agents to the Factors.*

DATE.	FROM WHOM RECEIVED.	FOR WHAT RECEIVED.	AMOUNT.
June 16, 1822,	Bernard Gilpin - -	Skins sold by the late Sup. Indian Trade -	\$ 60 00
Sept. 6, "	George S. Gaines - -	On account of Choctaw Factory - - -	43 92
Oct. 31, "	Sundry persons - -	Skins sold on this day - - -	1,502 05
Dec. 16, "	Geisse & Korckhauss - -	Do. sold by the late Sup. Indian Trade -	7,538 30
" 22, "	Joseph L. Dias - -	Do. sold by him in New York - - -	2,750 00
" 25, "	Do. - -	Do. do. - - -	868 50
Jan. 5, 1823,	Sundry persons - -	On account of skins sold in October - -	1,465 23
June 30, "	Thomas C. Wright - -	On account of skins sold by late Sup. Ind. trade	50 00
" 30, "	Joseph L. Dias - -	Skins sold by him in New York - - -	212 87
<i>Add the following received since 1st Dec. 1823, viz.</i>			
Dec. 13, "	H. Johnson, agt. at Pittsburg	Balance which remained in his hands - -	98 37
March 6, 1824,	B. Gilpin - - -	On account of skins sold to him by late Sup. Indian trade - - -	40 00
April 20, "	H. Johnson - -	Articles sold by him in Pittsburg - -	74 50
Aug. 19, "	Thomas C. Wright - -	On account of skins sold by late Sup. Ind. trade	65 76
			<u>\$ 14,769 50</u>

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C.

Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 25,478 06½
Furs and Peltries	-	-	-	-	-	616 00
Lead	-	-	-	-	-	81 20
Sugar	-	-	-	-	-	90 62½
Wild oats	-	-	-	-	-	8 35
Tallow	-	-	-	-	-	105 97½
Flour	-	-	-	-	-	119 15
Feathers	-	-	-	-	-	20 50
Matts	-	-	-	-	-	35 50
Wood	-	-	-	-	-	36 00
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	1,003 85
Debts	-	-	-	-	-	6,608 11½
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	4,598 00
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						\$ 38,801 33

## D.

Merchandise, tools, and Furniture	-	-	\$ 17,609	24½
Furs, Peltries, and other produce	-	-	3,722	02½
Buildings	-	-	6,203	00
Debts	-	-	4,105	80
			\$31,640	07

## E.

*ABSTRACT of property of various kinds received by William Gibson, Agent for winding up the concerns of the Fort Armstrong Factory, as per his receipt to Robert B. Belt, late Factor, dated 1st January, 1823.*

Merchandise, furniture and tools	-	-	-	\$8,108 47½
Buildings	-	-	-	519 50
Stationery and desk	-	-	-	14 60
Cash	-	-	-	665 82½
Peltries	-	-	-	4 50
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				\$9,312 90
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## F.

*ABSTRACT of property of various kinds received by Thomas B. Ringgold, Agent for winding up the concerns of the Green Factory, as per his receipt to Matthew Irwin, late Factor, dated 10th June, 1822.*

Merchandise, furniture, &c. received from				
Matthew Irwin, late Factor	-	-	\$5,615 37½	
Do. from Gov. Cass, Detroit (sold for)	-	-	136 00	
			<hr/>	5,751 37½
Debts	-	-	-	5,991 44
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				\$11,742 81
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## G.

*ABSTRACT of property of various kinds received by A. B. Lindsley, Agent for winding up the concerns of the Chicago Factory, as per his receipts to Jacob B. Varnum, late Factor, dated 1st August, 1822, and to Gov. Cass, dated the 9th December, 1822.*

Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	\$13,646 33
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	706 15
Furs and peltries	-	-	-	-	-	360 54
Indian debts	-	-	-	-	-	400 35
Factory buildings	-	-	-	-	-	595 25
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						\$15,637 62
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## H.

*ABSTRACT of property of various kinds received by George P. Forrest, Agent for winding up the concerns of the Arkansas Factory, as per his receipt to Barak Owens, late Acting Factor, dated 12th Feb. 1823.*

Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,645 44½
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	840 22
Furs and peltries	-	-	-	-	-	4,263 60
Debts	-	-	-	-	-	6,551 91½
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						\$18,301 18

Add for factory buildings omitted above, put down at what they sold for, which was not ascertained on the 1st December, 1823, when the above statement was made

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\$18,501 18

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## I.

*ABSTRACT of property of various kinds received by Robert N. Johnson, Agent for winding up the late Factory on the Sulphur Fork of Red River, per his receipt to William McClellan, the late Factor, dated the 1st February, 1823.*

Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	\$6,401 87
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	8 50
Furs and peltries	-	-	-	-	-	1,734 97
Debts	-	-	-	-	-	1,055 95
Factory buildings	-	-	-	-	-	2,562 00
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						\$11,763 29
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## K.

*ABSTRACT of property of various kinds received by Henry Randall, Agent for winding up the Choctaw Factory, as per his receipt to John Hersey, late Factor, dated the 1st October, 1822.*

Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-	\$16,451 11
Peltry and other produce	-	-	-	-	-	12,400 00
Debts due	-	-	-	-	-	12,702 48
Bills receivable	-	-	-	-	-	257 82
Cash	-	-	-	-	-	3,814 23
Factory buildings	-	-	-	-	-	2,990 14
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						\$48,615 78

Add for an invoice of blankets sent to the Choctaw Factory in December, 1821, left blank in the inventory receipted by Henry Randall, the agent for winding up that factory, and not included in the above amount 646 81

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\$49,262 59

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## L.

*ABSTRACT of balances due the late United States' Indian Trade Department, not included in the receipts of any of the new agents appointed to wind up the concerns of the said establishment, viz:*

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Due from James Kennerly, late agent at St. Louis, Missouri, as per statement of his accounts, forwarded by the 5th Auditor to the District Attorney, to put in suit	-	-	-	\$29,890 59
Due from Major A. R. Woolley, late agent at Pittsburg, as per statement of his account	-	-	-	988 42
Due from the Indian Department for goods delivered out of the Marie de Cigne Factory, to Richard Graham, Esq. Indian Agent, to indemnify the Osage tribe for the discontinuance of the factory, prior to the transfer to the new agents	-	-	-	2,553 95
Amount of goods taken by Gov. Cass, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, Detroit, out of the merchandise lodged in his hands from the Chicago and Green Bay factories, in the year 1822, and used by him in his department—cost	-	-	-	2,874 90
				<hr/> \$36,307 86
Add the following ascertained since the 1st December 1823, and included in the foregoing, viz.				
Due from James Kennedy to the Fort Armstrong Factory, per statement of R. B. Belt, late Factor	-			197 76
Due from the Indian Department to said Factory, as per statement of R. B. Belt, late Factor	-	-		1,007 22
				<hr/> \$37,512 84
Deduct this amount overcharged in the account of Major A. R. Wooley in the foregoing		-	-	266 19
				<hr/> \$37,246 65

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## M.

*Abstract of Salaries of the late Factors at the United States Indian Trading Houses from the 4th June, 1822, to the dates of their delivering the property of their respective Establishments to the new Agents.*

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John W. Johnson, factor at Prairie du Chien, from the 4th June to 5th November, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	548 59
Frederick Bernard, assistant at ditto, from 4th June to 30th September, 1822, at 650 dollars per annum	210 71
Robert B. Belt, factor at Fort Armstrong, from the 4th June to 31st December, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	746 42
John Connelly, assistant at ditto, for same time, at 650 dollars per annum	373 21
George C. Sibley, factor at Fort Osage, from the 4th June to 5th November, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	548 59
Lilburn W. Boggs, assistant at ditto, same time, at 700 per annum	295 39
John Hersey, factor at Chocktaw station, from the 4th June to the 30th September, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	421 42
Benjamin Everett, assistant at ditto, for same time, at 700 dollars per annum	226 92
William McClellan, factor at Red River, from the 4th June to 15th October, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	475 49
Jacob B. Varnum, factor at Chicago, from the 4th June to 15th August, 1822, at 1,300 per annum	258 93
Matthew Irwin, factor at Green Bay, from the 4th June to the 24th October, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	506 20
Matthew Lyon and Barak Owens, factors at Arkansas, from 4th June, 1822, to 28th February, 1823, at 1,300 dollars per annum	959 47
P. B. Bazin, assistant at ditto, from the 4th June, 1822 to the 12th February, 1823, at 650 dollars per annum	450 85
Paul Baillio, factor at Marie de Cigne, from the 4th June to 2d November, 1822, at 1,300 dollars per annum	538 01
	<hr/> 6,560 20

Deduct as follows, viz.

This sum paid by George Graham in cash, on account of salaries, since the 4th June, 1822	1,564 94
This sum due for salaries at this date	1,505 70
	<hr/> 3,070 64

Balance paid out of the trade fund prior to the transfer \$ 3,489 56

October 1st, 1824.



N.

*Abstract of payments made by George Graham, principal Agent, on account of debts due from the Indian Trade Department, prior to the transfer to him from Thomas L. McKenney, Esq. late Superintendent of Indian Trade, viz.*

DATE.	TO WHOM PAID.	FOR WHAT PAID.	AMOUNTS.
1822. June 19	Charles A. Burnett	Silver works	391 70
July 15	M <sup>c</sup> Coy and Scallan	Balance due on their acct. to March 31, 1822	397 18
31	Ditto	Balance due them	700 00
Sept. 2	Gideon Davis	Stationery	5 50
2	J. L. Lihault	Cooperage	12 48
18	James Scull	Due him for transportation	58 00
18	William Quynn	Repairing guns	4 00
Dec. 16	H. Deringer	Beaver traps	315 00
16	A. C. Cazenove	Powder	868 50
1823. Jan. 3	Daniel Kurtz	Rent of office	780 00
3	John Mason	Rent of warehouse	375 00
13	James Thomas	Stationery	1 12½
29	Hazel and Linthicum	Contingent articles	3 09
Feb. 27	James Morrison	Transportation	58 22½
Aug. 31	Price and Morgan	Balance due them	29 34
31	John Symington	Balance due him	456 60
Forward,			\$4,455 64

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		Amount brought forward	\$	4,455 64	18
		Add this sum, being the amount of the Chickasaw's annuity, forwarded in the year 1818, but not delivered, and subsequently transferred, by the Secretary of War's directions, to the trade fund	- - - - -	12,200 00	
				16,655 64	
		Add the following payments since the 1st of December, 1823, viz.			
1823.	Dec. 27	James Bludworth, balance due him	- - - - -	76 50	
1824.	July 15	James Scull, balance due him	- - - - -	2 87	
		Add this sum due for salaries prior to the 3d of June, 1822	- - - - -	16,735 01	
				1,460 37	
				\$ 18,195 38	[ 61 ]

October 1st, 1824.

B 1.

INDIAN OFFICE, GEORGETOWN,

*January 22nd, 1823.*

SIR: I enclose a copy of a letter addressed by me to William Clarke, Esq. Superintendent of Indian Affairs at St. Louis, with his answer, and have to request your instructions as to the propriety of sending the goods on hand, at this office, to St. Louis, or as to such other disposition of them as you may deem most expedient. The absence of all demand for goods, adapted to the Indian Trade, in this District, together with the embarrassed state of its commerce, and the consequent scarcity of money, make it certain that the goods cannot be sold here, either at private or public sale, except at an immense sacrifice. I would therefore suggest the propriety of sending them to St. Louis, to be disposed of in conformity to the suggestions stated in the enclosed communications, or of shipping them to New-York, under the charge of an agent, with instructions to sell them at vendue. The reasons for or against either of these modes of disposing of the goods will so readily suggest themselves to you, that it is unnecessary for me to recapitulate them.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

GEORGE GRAHAM, *Agent.*

*The Honorable* WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

B 2.

ST. LOUIS, *December 18th, 1822.*

SIR: By the last mail I received your letter of the 7th of November, accompanied by an invoice of Indian goods in the public store at Georgetown, which you have proposed to the Secretary of the Treasury should be forwarded to me to be used for Indian presents for the years 1823 and 24, and to be sold to individuals in the Indian Trade, &c.

You express a wish to be informed, whether it is probable that those goods can be disposed of in St. Louis for Indian presents, or otherwise, and whether I would undertake to dispose of the whole or any part of them, allowing me a per centage on the amount disposed of.

As the goods are believed to be generally of good quality, I have no doubt but a part of them would answer very well for Indian presents. I think it probable that a part may be sold to Indian Traders, on a credit, but I much doubt if those goods can be sold for cash, at the prices you propose, as, by deducting 20 per cent. from the first cost, the price of the goods will not be less than the same articles are sold by Messrs. Borthold, Chouteau and Pratte; Messrs. Stone,

Bostwick, and Company; and Messrs. Crooks and Company, merchants engaged in the Indian Trade at this place, who import their goods, of an excellent quality, and credit the traders whom they furnish, until they make their trade with the Indians, which is usually one year.

In making sales of Indian goods to individual traders, it is important to have all such articles as may be necessary to make (what they call) an equipment. &c. I observe by the invoice that all these articles are not embraced in it; there is a very great difference in the proportion of the several articles. The proportion of guns and blankets are too small, and red strouding, glass, &c. too large for other articles. However, many of the articles may be disposed of at private sale; and such as cannot be disposed of in that way, I can advise no better plan than their being sold at auction, or reserved as presents, to be delivered at some treaty, or to quiet Indian claims; in effecting of which, they may be usefully disposed of, and on better terms than sold at auction; and I think it not improbable that there will be some demand in the ensuing year. If it is thought advisable to order those goods or any others to me, they shall be attended to, and I will dispose of them in any way you may advise. It may not be amiss to observe, that there is, in the warehouse belonging to the Indian Department, at this place, a quantity of Factory goods, which, I have reasons to believe are of such inferior quality, that they will not sell for much, and in no other way than at vendue, even at this place; which is considered, from its situation, to be the best calculated to sell Indian goods of any town on the continent; yet it has not been possible for the Agent to dispose of those at private sale. Should you determine to send the goods mentioned in the invoice, or any part of them, to this place, to be disposed of, it will be important that they arrive here very early in the Spring.

I remain, with sentiments of respect,

Your most obedient servant,

**WILLIAM CLARK.**

**Mr. GEORGE GRAHAM.**

B 3.

INDIAN OFFICE, GEORGETOWN,

*November 7th, 1822.*

SIR: I enclose you an invoice of the goods on hand at this Office, since the abolition of the Indian Trading establishment; there is no demand at this place for Indian goods, and they cannot be sold here. I have proposed to the Secretary of the Treasury that they should be forwarded to you, to be used for Indian purposes for the years 1823 and 1824, and to be sold to individuals engaged in the Indian trade

allowing you a per centage on the amount disposed of by you, in either way. The goods are generally of good quality, particularly the woollens, which are excellent.—As goods of this description are now lower than when those were imported, a deduction of 20 per cent. would be made on the invoice prices.

I must request the favor of you to inform me, whether you think it probable that the goods could be disposed of in Saint Louis, for Indian purposes, or otherwise, and whether you would undertake to dispose of the whole, or any part of them.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

GEO. GRAHAM, *Agent.*

Gen. WILLIAM CLARK,

*Superintendent of Indian Affairs, St. Louis.*

B 4.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

5th March, 1823.

SIR: I am directed by the President to request that the Indian goods now in your possession be sent to New York, to the address of Hone & Towns, of the firm of which Mr. Hone is a partner, with directions that, after reasonable notice, they be disposed of at auction, for notes payable to you, as principal agent, at 60 and 90 days, negotiable in the Office of Discount and Deposit in New York.

I have also to request, that the notes may be deposited in that Office for collection.

I remain, with respect, your most obedient servant,

WH. H. CRAWFORD.

GEORGE GRAHAM, Esq.

*Principal Agent.*

B 5.

INDIAN OFFICE, GEORGETOWN,

March 11th, 1823.

GENTLEMEN: By direction of the Honorable the Secretary of the Treasury, I herewith enclose you invoice and bill of lading of 97 packages merchandise, the property of the United States, shipped on board the sloop Abeona, William H. Nicholls master, to your address, amounting to \$31,175 28.

These goods you will please sell at auction, on a credit of sixty and ninety days, for notes with unexceptionable endorsers, negotiable



and payable at the Office of Discount and Deposit, New York, first giving two or three weeks notice of the sale in the papers of your city.

The notes you will deposit in that Office for collection, and forward to me the Cashier's receipt for them. As I have no samples of the goods to send you, it will be necessary to have the packages opened previous to the sale. I do not wish it to be known that the goods are the property of the United States, as purchasers are more apt to form combinations at the United States sales, than at those of individuals. I wish the tierces to be kept out of sight, as they would be immediately recognized as United States' property by persons engaged in the Indian trade. A large portion of the goods being strouds and blankets of the heaviest kinds, and well suited for the Indian trade, it is hoped they will command good prices. You will please forward your accounts as soon after closing the sales as practicable.

Very respectfully, I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

GEORGE GRAHAM, *Agent*,  
Per JERE. W. BRONAUGH.

Messrs. HONE & TOWNS, *New York*.

B 6.

NEW YORK, 17th March, 1823.

SIR: We have received, this morning, your favor of 11th inst. with invoice, and bill of lading of ninety-seven packages, shipped on board the Abeona, to our address. The vessel has not yet arrived, but, as soon as she gets here, you may rely upon our paying every attention to your instructions, with regard to the goods.

Very respectfully, your obedient servants,

J. & P. HONE & Co.

GEORGE GRAHAM, Esq.

B 7.

INDIAN OFFICE, Georgetown, May 3, 1823.

GENTLEMEN: Your favor of the 17th of March last I duly received, in which you acknowledge the receipt of my letter, of the 11th of March, covering invoice, and bill of lading, of sundry packages of goods forwarded to you, per the sloop Abeona, for sale, at auction. Not having since heard from you, I beg the favor of you to inform me whether the vessel arrived safe, and what progress you have made in disposing of the goods.

Respectfully,

GEORGE GRAHAM, *Agent*.  
Per JERE. W. BRONAUGH.

To Messrs. J. & P. HONE & Co.

*New York*.



B 8.

NEW YORK, *May 5, 1823.*

SIR: Herewith, we send account of sales of ninety-seven packages merchandise, shipped by you to our address, by direction of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury. As you, doubtless, were aware of the depreciation of every description of merchandise, since these goods were purchased, we presume you are prepared for the loss which our account exhibits.

We send certificate of deposit, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States	- - - - -	\$2,602 97
Sundry notes, as entered in Bank book, a loose receipt		
being refused	- - - - -	8,041 43
Which items, with discounts allowed for cash	-	37 95
And cash paid for freight	- - - - -	112 87

Make the nett amount of sales \$ 10,795 22

At this season of the year, when the pressure of business employs every class of the mercantile community, we find considerable delay in making our collections. This has retarded our settlement with you longer than we wished, but we presume that no inconvenience has resulted to you.

We are, sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servants,

J. & P. HONE & Co.

GEORGE GRAHAM, Esq.

*Agent Indian Office, Georgetown, D. C.*

P. S. The firm of Hones and Town, (the address of your letter,) was dissolved in 1818.

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INDIAN OFFICE, *Georgetown, May 16, 1823.*

GENTLEMEN: Your letter of the 5th inst. covering your account of sales, was duly received; although I was prepared to expect considerable loss on the sale of the goods, yet I must confess that the loss which has been incurred, has very far exceeded any calculations which I had made upon the subject. The money and notes, the proceeds of the sales, should have been deposited in bank to my credit, as agent. I have written to the Cashier, and forwarded the orders of the Treasurer on the subject, and will thank you to call at the bank and have the proper entries made.

With great respect, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEO. GRAHAM, *Agent.*

Messrs. J. & P. HONE & Co. *New York.*

## No. 1.

*Abstract, exhibiting the amount of property received by Daniel Gantt, agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading House, at Prairie du Chien, and the returns made by him for the same.*

1822.

Sept. 30.	To amount of property received from John W. Johnson, late factor	- - -	\$ 38,801 33
	Cash received from George Graham, esq.	-	945 45
			<u>\$39,746 78</u>

1823.

*Returned as follows, viz:*

Aug. 20.	Furs and Peltries	- - -	916 87½
	Factory buildings	- - -	4,798 80
	Cash	- - -	975 91
	Uncurrent bank notes	- - -	902 16
	Debts due per list	- - -	5,216 20
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	- - -	14,564 93
	Factory books	- - -	117 50
	Salary, and travelling expenses	- - -	2,480 81
	Contingencies	- - -	961 93
	Due from Wm. Gibson, late agent for winding up the Fort Armstrong factory	- - -	14 30½
	Loss sustained on sales	- - -	8,857 46
			<u>\$39,746 78</u>

*ABSTRACT exhibiting the amount of property received by the late William Gibson, Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Trading House at Fort Armstrong, and the returns made by his administrator, Alexander Maxwell, for the same.*

December, 1822.	Amount of merchandise received from Daniel Gantt, agent at P. du Chien	- - - - -	14 30
January 1, 1823.	Amount of property received from R. B. Belt, late factor per receipt	-	9,312 90
	Cash received from George Graham, Esq. principal agent	-	1,023 28
March 10, 1824.	Returned as follows, viz:		
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	2,210 93	
	Factory buildings and furniture left in the hands of Major Burbank at Fort Armstrong	557 50	
	Salary and travelling expenses	1,806 40	
	Contingencies	169 94	
	Cash	127 00	
	Loss sustained on sales	2,478 71	
			\$10,850 40
			\$10,850 48

**ABSTRACT** exhibiting the amount of property received by Samuel Blunt, agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading House at Fort Osage, and the returns made by him for the same.

Nov. 5, 1822.	Amount of property received from George C. Sibly, late factor	-	-	\$31,640 07
	Cash advanced by the principal agent	-	-	726 72
May 24, 1823.	Returned as follows, viz.			\$32,366 79
	Cash	-	-	1,500
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	-	-	14,383 76
	Furs and Peltries	-	-	2,033 02
	Indian Debts	-	-	4,105 80
	Factory buildings	-	-	6 203 00
	Salary and travelling expenses	-	-	1,629 92
	Contingencies	-	-	311 78
	Loss on sales	-	-	2,199 51
				\$32,366 79

*ABSTRACT exhibiting the amount of property received by Thomas G. Ringgold, Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading House at Green Bay, and the returns made by him for the same.*

Oct. 24, 1824.	Amount of money received at the factory from Matthew Irwin, late Factor	-	\$11,742 81
	Cash received from the principal agent at sundry times	-	1,123 73
	<i>Returns as follows:</i>		\$12,866 54
Sept. 10, 1824.	Cash	250	
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	1,628 71	
	A screw and press left in the hands of Col. Purkins at Detroit	271 65	
	Building	190 40	
	Salary and travelling expenses	2,040 04	
	Contingencies	124 46	
	Debts due	5,902 81	
	Merchandise stolen by soldiers	31 52	
	Loss on sales	2,426 95	
			\$12,866 54

*ABSTRACT exhibiting the amount of property received by A. B. Lindsley, Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading House at Chicago, and the returns made by him for the same.*

October 24, 1822.	Amount of property received at Chicago Factory and Detroit, from the stocks of the Chicago and Green Bay Factories,	-		15,637 62
	Cash received from the principal Agent,	-		100 00
				<u>\$15,737 62</u>
	Returned as follows, viz.			
January 20, 1823.	Cash,	1,243 23		
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	5,063 09½		
	Indian debts	400 35		
	Factory buildings	709 17		
	Salary and travelling expenses	1,097 81		
	Contingencies	255 58		
	Loss on sales	6,968 37½		
				<u>\$15,737 62</u>



*ABSTRACT exhibiting the amount of property received by Robert N. Johnson, Agent for winding up the concerns of United States' Indian Trading House on Red River, Louisiana, and the returns made by him for the same.*

February 1, 1823.	Amount of property received at the Factory	-	-	-	-	-	11,763 29
	Cash received from George Graham, principal Agent	-	-	-	-	-	400 00
							\$12,163 29
	Returned as follows, viz.						
1823.	Cash	-	-	-	-	-	1,607 50
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	-	-	-	-	-	1,872 97
	Furs and peltries	-	-	-	-	-	1,378 25
	Indian debts	-	-	-	-	-	1,055 95
	Buildings	-	-	-	-	-	2,623 50
	Salary and travelling expenses	-	-	-	-	-	1,305 23
	Contingencies	-	-	-	-	-	184 79
	Loss on sales	-	-	-	-	-	2,135 10
							\$12,163 29

*ABSTRACT exhibiting the amount of property received by George P. Forrest, Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading House in the Arkansas, and the returns made by him for the same, viz.*

February 28, 1823.	Amount of property received from Barak Owens, late acting Factor		18,301 18
	Amount factory buildings, not included in the inventory, now put down at what they sold for		200 00
	Cash received from George Graham, principal Agent		909 38
			<hr/> \$19,410 56
	Returned as follows, viz.		
June 1, 1824.	Furs and peltries	3,695 50½	
	Outstanding debts, turned over to the Indian Agent	3,653 18	
	Bills receivable for property sold by him	2,084 85½	
	Cash	3,100 00	
	Salary and travelling expenses	2,523 73	
	Contingencies	1,057 71	
	Loss on sales	3,295 58½	
			<hr/> \$19,410 56

*ABSTRACT exhibiting the amount of property received by Henry Randall, Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trading House in the Choctaw Nation, and the returns made by him for the same.*

Sept. 30, 1822.	Amount of property received from John Hersey, late Factor - Cash received from George Graham, principal Agent, at sundry times - - - - -		49,262 59 746 50
			<hr/> \$50,009 09
Oct. 10, 1823.	Returned as follows: Cash - - - - - Indian debts - - - - - Furs and peltries - - - - - Counterfeit notes received of the late Factor - - - - - This amount paid debts due from the factory - - - - - Salary and travelling expenses - - - - - Bills receivable for property sold by him - - - - - Contingencies - - - - - Loss on sales - - - - -  This amount overdrawn, to be deducted out of his commission on the bills receivable, when collected - - - - -	4,940 00 12,011 57 12,223 10 105 00 15 93 1,792 30 10,233 21 1,517 59 7,154 55 <hr/> 49,993 25  15 84	<hr/> \$50,009 09

*STATEMENT exhibiting the amount of Merchandise received by George Graham, Principal Agent, from Thomas L. McKenney, late Superintendent of Indian Trade; the amount received for sales of the same; with the amount lost on the whole.*

June 14, 1822, -	Amount of merchandise received from the late Superintendent of Indian Trade, this day - - - - -	-	\$31,473 97
	Sold in Georgetown, damaged goods, which cost, as per statement rendered the 5th Auditor - - - - -	\$228 62	
	Sold in New York, goods which cost, as per invoice rendered do. - - - - -	31,175 23	
	Stolen out of the ware-house, articles which cost, as per statement rendered do. - - - - -	59 37	
	Articles yet remaining on hand, which cost, as per statement rendered do. - - - - -	10 50	
			31,473 97
	Amount received on sales made in Georgetown, as shewn per statement rendered the 5th Auditor - - - - -	61 52½	
	Amount received on sales made in New York, as per accounts rendered the 5th Auditor—see copies of letters herewith marked B No. 1 to B No. 9* - - - - -	10,679 41	
	Amount of merchandise yet on hand, as shewn above - - - - -	10 50	
			10,751 46
	Total amount lost on the sales of merchandise - - - - -		20,722 51

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\* Copies of these were forwarded with my report of the 1st December, 1823, but not being included in the report of the Committee of Indian Affairs, are again furnished.  
October 1st, 1824.

## No. 10.

*STATEMENT exhibiting the amount of losses sustained in the sales of Furs and Peltries, remitted by the several Agents appointed to wind up the concerns of the United States' Trading Houses, viz:*

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Prairie du Chien factory, per invoice of Daniel Gantt, agent, forwarded to New Orleans, addressed to McCoy and Scallan—cost		
\$916 87—sold for net \$657 51—lost on sale	-	\$259 31
Osage factory, per invoice of Samuel Blunt, agent, forwarded to New Orleans, addressed to same—cost		
\$2,033 02—sold for \$1,288 86—lost on sale	-	744 16
Red River factory, per invoice of Johnson, agent, forwarded to McCoy and Scallan, New Orleans—cost		
\$1,378 25—sold for \$922 79 net—lost on sale	-	455 46
Arkansas factory, per invoice of George P. Forrest, agent, forwarded to McCoy and Scallan, New Orleans—cost \$3,695 50—sold for net \$3,683 65—lost on sale	-	11 85½
Choctaw factory, per invoice of Henry Randall, agent, forwarded to William Bayard, Mobile—cost		
\$12,223 17—sold for net \$7,574 18—lost on sale	-	4,648 92
Total amount lost on the sales	-	\$6,119 70

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*STATEMENT exhibiting the Receipts and Expenditures of Cash, by George Graham, Principal Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trade Establishment.*

June 14, 1822	Received from the late Superintendent of Indian trade	-	-	\$6,856 35	
	Received for articles not included in my receipt to him	-	-	92 25	
	Received from George S. Gaines, late factor	-	-	43 92	
					\$6,992 52
	Received for sales of merchandise, furs, peltries, &c. from the 14th				
	June, 1822, to the 1st December, 1823	-	-	-	48,552 90
					55,545 42
	<i>Expenditures as follows:</i>				
	Payments for debts due prior to the transfer	-	-	4,496 40	
	Factor's drafts for salary	-	-	1,393 14	
	Transportation, contingencies, and expenses, on sales of furs, &c.	-	-	829 44	
	Payments to new agents and clerks, on account of salaries, &c.	-	-	10,648 29	
December 1, 1823	Paid Treasurer of the United States	-	-	38,178 15	
					\$55,545 42



## B No. 11.

*STATEMENT exhibiting the Receipts and Expenditures of Cash by George Graham, Principal Agent for winding up the concerns of the United States' Indian Trade Establishment, from the 14th June, 1822, to 1st October, 1824.*

December 1, 1823	This amount, received from the 14th June, 1822, to date, as shewn by statement A No. 11	-	\$55,545 42
October 1, 1824	This sum, received for notes, drafts, &c. since the 1st December last	-	22,514 99
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			78,060 41
<i>Expenditures as follows:</i>			
December 1, 1823	This amount, paid into the Treasury, and on account of salaries, contingencies, &c. from the 14th June, 1822, to date, as shewn per statement A No. 11, herewith	-	\$55,545 42
October, 1, 1824	This amount, paid on same accounts, from the 1st December, 1823, to date, viz:		
	Contingencies	\$105 38	
	Salaries and commissions	4,538 64	
	Treasurer of the United States	17,860 00	
	Cash in bank	10 97	
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			22,514 00
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			78,060 41

*CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT, exhibiting the amount of Property received by all the Agents for winding up the United States' Indian Trade Establishment; the amount paid into the Treasury; the amount paid for salaries, commissions, contingencies, &c.; and the ascertained loss on the business, up to the 1st October, 1824.*

Amount received by all the new agents, as per general statement No. 1	-	-	-	\$289,780 51	
Less, this sum being the amount of debts due from the establishment	-	-	-	18,195 38	
					271,585 13
Accounted for as follows, viz:					
Cash paid into the Treasury, as shewn per statement A and B No. 11	-	-	-	56,038 15	
Cash paid salaries and commissions to agents and clerks, transportation, contingencies, &c. as shewn per said statements	-	-	-	22,022 26	
Indian, and other debts, due the factories, as shewn per the returns of the agents	-	-	-	32,345 86	
Balances due on the books of the department, and notes uncollected, and in suit, which were received from the late Superintendent of Indian Trade	-	-	-	46,176 22	
Bills receivable remaining uncollected, received from new agents for sales made by them	-	-	-	38,905 29	
Factory buildings remaining undisposed of, put down at cost	-	-	-	11,749 70	
Balance, being the amount sunk on sales	-	-	-	64,348 65	
					271,585 13
Balance brought down	-	-	-	64,348 65	
Add the amount of salaries, commissions, &c. as shewn above	-	-	-	22,022 26	
Ascertained loss on winding up to this date	-	-	-		\$86,570 91

October 1st, 1824.